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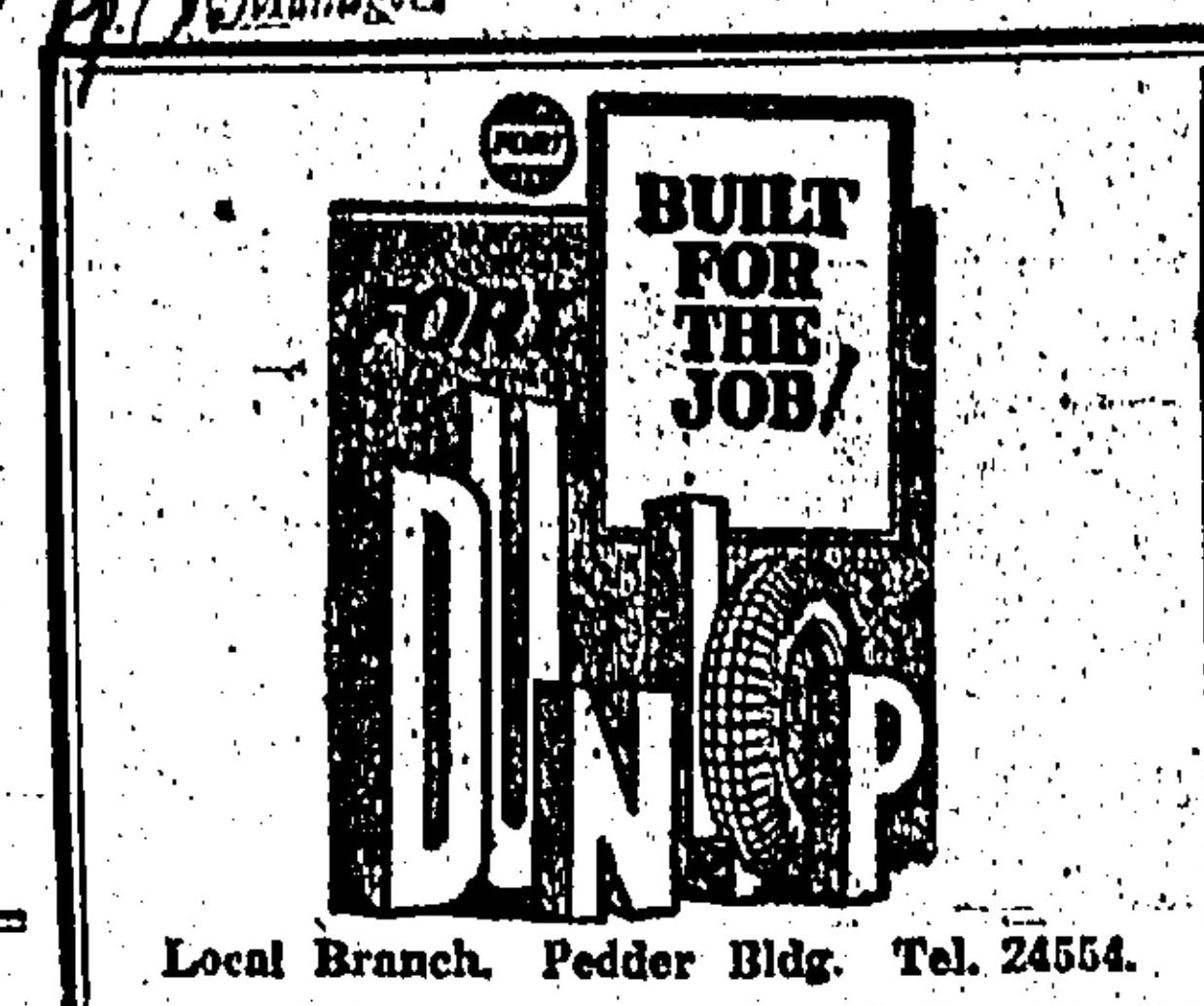
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## TEST CASE

ANTI-JAPANESE PROPAGANDA.

## STIFF SENTENCES SCHOOL-MASTERS IMPRISONED.

(Kowloon Police Court). As a sequel to a raid made by Detective-Inspector Fallon at the Yauk Chai School in Nathan Road, two Chinese were brought before Mr. J. A. Fraser this morning.

Chan Wun-cho, head master, and Lau Wing-sang, assistant master, were charged with having possession or control of certain writings calculated to persuade or induce persons from trading with, dealing with, or working for members of the Japanese community.

Lai Shui, principal Chinese detective, gave evidence of finding a blackboard with certain writings inscribed on it. Several letters were discovered on a desk in the office on the ground floor. With one exception they had been printed on a duplicator. They were all in the nature of anti-Japanese propaganda. The writing on the blackboard was an extract from a newspaper and was for the pupils to translate into English. It exhorted the people to love their country, and the method of doing this was to be diligent at school and to exercise peaceful and not violent movement. The writing was not completed.

The Chinese detective returned later in the day and arrested first defendant. Second defendant admitted writing the characters on the board.

The letters had been sent by

## INDIAN BUDGET INCREASES.

Artificial Silks Duty Doubled.

### VICEROY'S CUT.

Simla. Yesterday. The import duty on artificial silk has been doubled to forty per cent. Artificial silk yarn has been raised to fifteen per cent., and brown sugar to Rupees 7½. A minimum duty of half an anna for lb. has been imposed on raw cotton.

### Voluntary Cuts.

A temporary surcharge of 25 per cent. on all existing taxes, except Customs export duties, was announced by Sir George Shuster, introducing the Budget yesterday in Simla.

**Indian Army Reductions.** He stated that the Viceroy had volunteered to cut 20 per cent. of his emoluments and members of his Council had sacrificed 15 per cent. India Army reductions next year amount to 4½ crores of rupees.

### Estimated Surplus.

The Budget surplus for 1932-33 is estimated at 5½ crores.—Reuter.

post and first defendant said that letters of a similar nature might be found in any school in the Colony. He further stated that he had left instructions with the servants to destroy any letters of that nature during his absence. He had destroyed many.

Both men were convicted under the Emergency Regulation of 1922. Mr. Calthrop, A.S.P. (K.), intimated that this was a test-case and that there would probably be other cases during the next few weeks.

His Worship strongly condemned the offence and imposed six months' hard labour on first defendant and 12 months' hard labour on the second defendant.

## AIR SPEED RECORD BROKEN

## STAINFORTH FLIES OVER COURSE AT 408.8 M.P.H.

### DEVELOPING TIME FILMS

### 36B SEAPLANE USED FOR THE FLIGHT.

London, Yesterday. The official record of Flight-Lieut. Stainforth's speed at Calshot is 408.8 miles an hour.

His machine was fitted with a special Rolls Royce "Sprint" engine with an extra 300 horse power, making a total of 2,600 H.P.

The designer gave the engine exactly one hour of life. It was, therefore, impossible to make trial runs.

### Earlier Cable.

A fresh world's flying speed record is believed to have been made by Flight-Lieut. Stainforth when flying 36B seaplane fitted with a special Sprint engine at Calshot this evening. He completed five rounds of the course at a terrific speed and the opinion is held that he has broken

the record, but official times are not yet available, pending the institution of Juvenile Courts.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Flight-Lieutenant Stainforth's attempt to improve upon his own world speed record of 378 miles an hour will now be made as soon as weather conditions have permitted a test flight. A new, specially tuned up Rolls-Royce engine, which is expected to develop 2,600 horsepower, has been installed in the Supermarine machine which Flight-Lieutenant Boothman used for his Schneider Trophy record, and a suitable air screw has now been fitted.

Bad visibility near Calshot during the last few days has, however, made a flight at record speeds inadvisable. — British Wireless Service.

dispute in regard to Manchuria.

Senor Leroux to-day recapitulated the steps taken in connection with the Sino-Japanese conflict and declared that the Council would continue its efforts for a peaceful settlement of the difficulties.

The President of the Assembly expressed the Assembly's conviction that the Council's efforts would produce fruitful results.

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS AND MANCHURIA.

### Final Sitting of Council To-day.

Geneva, Yesterday. The Council of the League of Nations will probably hold a final sitting to-morrow in order to dispose of the Sino-Japanese

## EARLY GENERAL ELECTION

### "INEVITABLE" IS THE OPINION WIDELY HELD IN BRITAIN

### CONSERVATIVES TO HAVE IT OWN WAY?

### LABOUR PARTY DISCLOSES ITS ELECTION PROGRAMME AND POLICY.

### URGES PUBLIC CONTROL COUNTRY'S FINANCES

London, Yesterday. In the great high latitudes of politics all is fluid, elastic, mutating, declared Lord Morley in his "Recollections." He must have visualised the very position, now that an Election is inevitable.

The Daily Herald proclaims that an early General Election is now certain."

"The Morning Post declares that Mr. MacDonald's most deadly enemy is delay and the country's greatest handicap is suspense.

The Times urges Mr. MacDonald that "if he will only take the lead there is little doubt that a united and very wide front will form itself behind him." — Reuter.

Whilst the Election decision awaits the Cabinet meeting to be held to-morrow, the belief in the inevitability of an Election is widespread. The question seems to be, whether it will be an Election on the agreed lines already indicated, or whether Mr. Ramsay MacDonald will

Apparently the Cabinet discussions revealed a situation so strongly in favour of an early

stand aside and leave the Conservatives to recommend to His Majesty the King such procedure as they think fit. A third course, favoured in a few quarters, is that Government should remain in office after the termination of the session to deal with the situation under the existing powers.

Labour's Election policy is outlined in a series of resolutions approved by the National Executive for submission to the Annual Conference of the Labour Party at Scarborough next week.

These resolutions oppose tariffs; condemn any fresh attempt to force sterling back to a gold standard; pledge the Party to reverse Government's unemployment policy; urge public control of the whole of the financial system of the country, including the Bank of England; Nationalisation of the mining industry and public monopolies; and an advanced programme for disarmament and other peace measures.

Courts at the present time. It is in our opinion essential that the Police Courts should not be used for the trial of juvenile offenders as the whole atmosphere of such Courts is repugnant to modern ideas of dealing with young delinquents. We therefore advocate the use of the police gymnasium at Police Headquarters as a suitable Court for juvenile offenders in Victoria if adequately fitted up. A portion of the gymnasium or the adjoining changing room could be adapted at small cost as a Probation Officers' room. We also recommend the division of the present large detention room for deportees in the block of police offices into two parts with separate entrances so that a detention room away from the police cells may be provided for juvenile offenders who cannot be sent at once to the Remand Home.

This room is in the same building as the gymnasium and therefore easily accessible. The Magistrate's room at the Kowloon Police Court would make a suitable Juvenile Court for Kowloon. A detention room for juveniles (males only) in Kowloon should be set apart at Yaumati Police Station where the Children's Act 1908, but it incorporates certain British legislation, notably Section 2 of the Probation of Offenders Act 1907, Section 7 of the Criminal Justice Act 1925, and Section 105 and 114 of the Children's Act 1908, which had not been adopted by the draftsmen of the model Bill. After careful deliberation we considered the addition of these clauses to be necessary and adopted them accordingly.

In this connection we recommend that all places in which juvenile offenders are detained either before or after trial should be inspected at regular intervals by visiting Justices appointed for the purpose.

In the handling of young offenders the police play a prominent part; we have therefore the following recommendation to make. Firstly we consider that special police officers should be detailed to handle delinquent and vagrant children and young girls before they actually come before the Juvenile Courts. After the arrest of the offender it will be necessary for police officers to collect for the information of the Court, the Royal Observatory's report issued at 10.50 a.m. to-day says:

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The anticyclone is central to the West of Shanghai, and is spreading Eastward.

We consider that the number of delinquents, male and female, does

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## SHARE MARKET RECOVERING.

### Slight Advance in Some Instances.

### FEATURES TO-DAY.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states: The market seems to be slowly recovering from the Settlement, and in some instances a slight advance may be noted.

Banks were in demand at \$1,610.

Unions were dealt in at \$425.

China Underwriters were on offer at \$5.75.

Hong Kong Fires could have been obtained at \$1,485.

Steamboats were on offer at \$27.

Wharves were in demand at \$150.

Providents, which were done at \$5.85 and \$6.90, were on offer at the close at the latter quotation.

Hotels (old) were reported sales at \$15.

Realities could have been obtained at \$15.60.

Ewes were done at Taels 16.15

and Taels 16.20 and sales were made to Shanghai at Taels 16.70,

and at the close there were buyers at Taels 16.35.

Star Ferries, after sales at \$947, were on offer at \$95.

China Lights changed hands at \$28.20, and there were buyers at the close at the latter quotation.

Electricity was on offer at \$80.

Telephones (fully paid) were in request at \$43½, and the part paid shares, which changed hands at \$30, closed with buyers at this rate.

Cements (combined) were on offer at \$18¾. The old shares could have been obtained at \$18½, and the new shares at \$16.

Ropes closed in demand at \$16.

Dairy Farms were in the market at \$32.

Constructions, cum rights, were on offer at \$10, and the same applies to the rights, at \$2.

## CABINET MEETING

### NINETY MINUTES' CONFERENCE.

### NO DECISION

### PREMIER RECEIVED IN AUDIENCE.

London, Yesterday. After the King had received in audience Mr. Ramsay MacDonald in the afternoon, the Cabinet sat for ninety minutes and then adjourned until to-morrow "without reaching a decision."

Economy Bill.

The House of Commons dealt to-day with the third reading of the Economy Bill. It defeated by 297 votes to 242 a Labour motion for rejection.—Reuter.

### END OF NAUTILUS.

### To Be Sunk in Deepest Part of North Sea.

Washington, Yesterday. The United States Shipping Board had given permission to Sir Hubert Wilkins to sink the Nautilus in the deepest part of the North Sea off the coast of Norway.—Reuter.

### "RED" TROOP TRAIN WRECKED.

Riga, Yesterday. According to "Wavellors" from Russia, two "Red" army troop trains participating in manoeuvres in the Leningrad district, were recently wrecked by explosions. There were many fatalities.—Reuter.

## DEMONSTRATION BY UNEMPLOYEDS

### ATTEMPT MADE TO RUSH THE HOUSE OF LORDS

### CONFlict WITH POLICE

### PETITION AGAINST DOLE CUTS.

London, Yesterday. Ugly scenes, culminating in frequent mounted police baton charges, and the wild rush of a thousand men to enter the House of Lords accompanied the presentation of the Unemployed's Petition, bearing 200,000 names to the House of Commons protesting against dole cuts, to-night. A number of men and women attempted to drag the police from their horses and ten were arrested and removed from Parliament Square, after the greatest difficulty through the most hostile crowds. Some hours elapsed before the streets were cleared and traffic resumed.—Reuter.

### ITALY TO CONTROL EXCHANGE OPERATIONS.

Rome, Yesterday. A decree will be published tomorrow authorising the Finance Minister to control exchange operations.—Reuter.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day, 1.04 inch.

Total since January 1—73.34 inches against an average of 75.59. Inches deficit: 2.25 inches.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was—

Hong Kong ..... 70

Pratas Island ..... 81

Manila ..... 77

Foochow ..... 78

Swatow ..... 70

Chafao ..... 58

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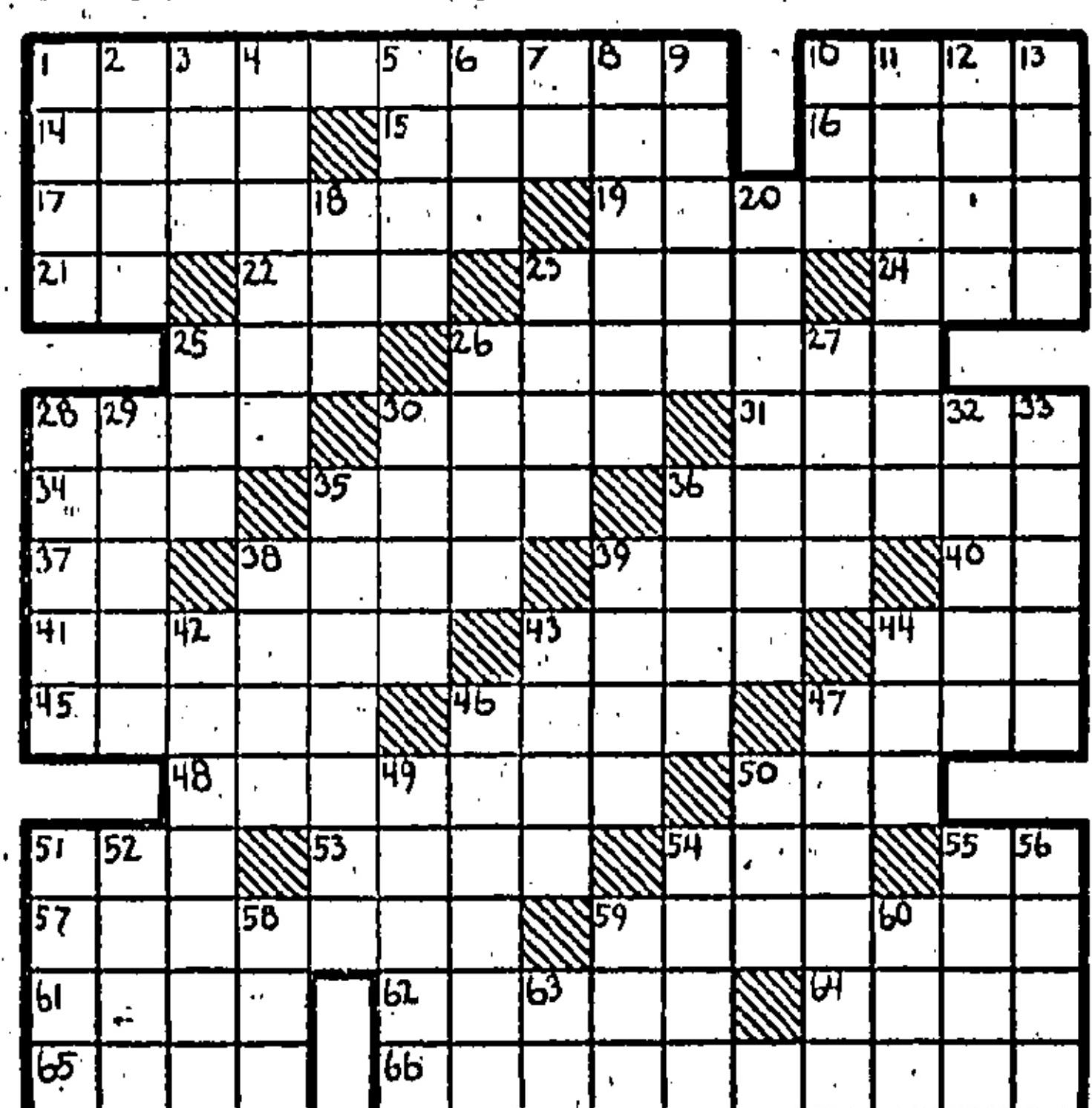
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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



**HORIZONTAL**

- Pitiable
- Greek god of love
- Choke
- A town in S. W. New York
- Elevation
- Avoiding society
- Spiral
- Pronoun
- Measure of weight
- Stock of plant
- An age
- Title of respect (Sp.)
- A spring fable for giving poetic inspiration
- Ruminant with antlers
- Mate (slang, U. S.)
- Necessarily
- Moved swiftly
- Inhabitant of Poland
- Lost to view
- Pronoun
- Promontory (abbr.)
- A very small horse
- Note well (Latin, abbr.)
- A thin layer of wood on a commoner surface
- A condiment
- A church official (abbr.)
- Masculine name
- E. central State of U. S.

**VERTICAL**

- Weight measure
- Prefix. Before
- One who reads lessons in a church
- A soft sheepskin leather
- The whole
- Exalt
- Endured
- Penetrates
- Before
- Matured
- New name for Christianity

*The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.*

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## CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

### ACCRINGTON WIN AT HOME.

Crewe Concede Two Goals.

### THIRD DIVISION NORTH.

London, Yesterday. The following was the result of the only League match played to-day:

#### Third Division (North).

Accrington 2 Crewe A. 0  
—Reuter...

#### Table to Date.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Lincoln C.	8	7	0	1	23	10	14
Southport	9	6	1	2	15	10	13
Gateshead	8	5	1	2	21	9	11
Tranmere R.	8	5	0	3	24	8	10
Hull C.	8	5	0	3	16	9	10
Crewe A.	8	5	0	3	15	11	10
Barrow	8	5	0	3	13	11	10
York C.	8	5	0	3	13	16	10
Harlepool	9	3	4	2	17	22	10
Accrington S.	8	4	1	3	18	21	9
Wrexham	8	3	2	2	15	12	9
Halifax	8	4	1	3	9	7	9
Darlington	8	3	1	4	16	14	8
Chester	8	2	4	2	15	13	8
Doncaster R.	8	3	1	4	14	20	7
Carlisle Un.	8	2	2	4	17	18	6
Roedale	8	2	2	4	9	19	6
Rotherham	8	2	1	5	15	18	5
Walsh	8	2	1	5	11	16	5
Stockport	8	1	2	5	6	9	4
Wigan Boro	8	1	1	6	7	22	3
N. Brighton	8	0	1	7	4	21	1

### LOCAL FOOTBALL SENSATION.

Chinese Clubs Resign from League.

#### H.K.F.A. ACTION.

The official opening of the football season on Saturday last was postponed on account of the existing conditions, and now the postponement to this coming Saturday looks like being robbed of a number of matches owing to the sensational withdrawal of all Chinese Clubs from the League. Mr. W. E. Hollands, the H.K.F.A. Secretary, has received communication from the South China Athletic Association, the Chinese Athletic Association, the Eastern A.A., the Ewo A.A., and the Tsung Tsin F.A. announcing their decisions to withdraw their teams from the respective Divisions of the League.

Although no official explanation has yet been given for this development it is thought that the Chinese Clubs have resigned owing to the attitude adopted by the Football Association with regard to the proposed match between the visiting Malayan Chinese eleven and a Services XI, which should have been played yesterday.

When it was announced that the Services team were not turning out and that a return match against the Hong Kong Chinese was being staged as a substituted attraction, it was thought that this action was due to the military and naval units being required in the case of an emergency. This, however, proved to be wrong. The Football Association had not given its permission for the match to be played and the Services eleven declined to take the field. Hence the discord.

### HONG KONG CHINESE DEFEATED.

Weak Side Loses to Malayan Chinese.

#### POOR CONDITIONS.

Under poor conditions at Caroline Hill yesterday the Malayan Chinese defeated a much altered Hong Kong Chinese eleven by three goals to one. The ground was very wet and huge pools of water called for perfect ball control and in this department the visitors showed a definite superiority.

Fook Loong gave the visitors an early lead when he beat Li Hing-ching from close range. The local team however, crammed on pressure and were on level terms at the interval as the result of Suen finding the net.

The visitors took the lead in the second half when Guan Lan scored from a penalty kick and Soon Teck added Malayan's third goal to complete the scoring in a game which was witnessed by a small crowd and which was spoilt by the weather conditions.

Result:—  
Hong Kong Chinese ... 1  
Malayan Chinese ... 3

The teams lined up as follow:

Hong Kong:—Li Hing-ching; Mak Kwok-tung and Leung Yui-chui; Lau Kwok-chui; Chan Chuen-yu and Tong Kwan; Ng Po-kul, Lee Yee-shun, Lee Wan-tong, Suen Kam-shun and Kam Pak-siu.

Malaya:—Kam Loong; Guan Len and Gek Soo; Boon Lay, John Then and Ah Hui; Soon Teck, Fook Loong, Eng Guan, Kok Ying and Mee Onn.

Referee: Mr. Au Kit-sang.

### ENTRIES FOR MACAO RACES.

Newly Formed Club's First Extra Meeting.

#### SUNDAY'S EVENTS.

The first extra race meeting of the Macao Jockey Club is to be held on Sunday. The entries and handicaps are as follow:

Limchowfu Handicap "D1" Class (six furlongs):—Groombridge (145 lb.), Thunderous Stag (165), As You Like It (142), Sunloch (152), Mascot (152), Glorious Stag (155), Twilight (140), Country Club (149), Sunning (145).

Kochowfu Handicap "D2" Class (six furlongs):—Sonny Boy (158 lb.), Vadio (140), Movaganher (145), Tigre (155), Flornotta (150), Choctow II. (151), Celery (157), Silver Flare (140), Jester (145), Sultry Eye (140), Fernleaf (147).

Shuihingfu Handicap "C2" Class (one mile):—Brunswick Hall (150 lb.), Misamis (158), Cream Cracker (140), Varmoose (145), Blue Boy (148), Acacia Leaf (142), Mongolian Stag (157).

Kuingchowfu Handicap (1½ miles):—Kirien (160 lb.), Pegasus (146), One Third (150), King's Counsel (140), Empress Hall (149).

Waichowfu Handicap "B2" and "C1" Classes (1¼ miles):—Lobster Bay (155 lb.), Mindora (146), Little Thunder (155), Christmas Belle (148), Christmas Frolic (148), One Third (150), King's Counsel (140), Empress Hall (149).

Kwangchowfu Stakes (five furlongs):—New King (149 lb.), Silver Arrow (146), Tai Ping Yang (146), Jus Gentil (146), Lightship (146), Blue Plane (149), Grumpy (146).

Chaochowfu Handicap "D1" Class (one mile):—Groombridge (145 lb.), Thunderous Stag (165), As You Like It (142), Sunloch (152), Mascot (152), Discord (145), Twilight (140), Country Club (149).

Shiuchowfu Handicap "D2" Class (one mile):—Sonny Boy (158 lb.), Vadio (140), Movaganher (145), Flornotta (150), Choctow II. (151), Celery (157), Silver Flare (140), Jester (145), Fernleaf (147).

LEAGUE CRICKET COMMENCES.

University Teams for Saturday.

The following have been chosen to represent the University 1st XI in a League match against the Royal Artillery on Saturday, on the university ground, at 2 p.m.:—

D. J. N. Anderson, F. A. Redmond, L. T. Ridge, D. K. Samy, A. Rodrigues, A. Bakar, A. T. Normanbooy, K. P. Gan, G. E. Yeoh, E. Zimmern, and A. Chan Fook (captain).

The following have been chosen to represent the University 2nd XI in a League match against the Police Recreation Club on Saturday, at Happy Valley:—

P. L. Tan, G. S. Scully, H. Normanbooy, A. S. A. Kyum, P. M. N. da Silva, A. A. Aziz, K. T. Loke (captain), R. E. G. Leong, E. Gossano, F. Hippola, and Xayaboy.

Reserves: B. K. Ng, D. Hunt, and Leo Choa.

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## AUSTRALIANS SPEAK OF BRADMAN.

Numerous Offers for His Services.

### REGRETTABLE "TRAFFICKING."

Adelaide, Sept. 4.  
"We deeply deplore the tendency of British clubs to entice leading Australian cricketers to qualify for them. This is all against the true ethics of the game, and tends to destroy the spirit of international cricket." In these words the Ground and Finance Committee of the South Australian Cricket Association, which met to-day, expressed their opinion on the action of Accrington in endeavouring to get Bradman to play for them. All the members made a strong protest against the "trafficking in players."

One prominent Sydney sportsman has offered Bradman £50 if he will stay in Australia until next year so that he will be available against the British touring team. A Sydney firm has offered him a lucrative position on their staff.

Australia believes that Bradman will never go to Britain as a professional, and that he will not sign away his Australian birthright.

Bradman disclosed to-day that he had received more than one offer, but whether these are from British clubs he would not say.

Pomsford was made a similar offer to that of Bradman's a year or two ago, but he was given a position on the staff of an Australian newspaper.

## GERMAN COACH FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

Lawn Tennis Ambition Stimulated.

The South Africans, not content with the standard of lawn tennis in their country, and hoping to improve on their performance this year in the Davis Cup, have engaged the German coach, Demasius, to spend the Winter months coaching their players.

A first-class man like Demasius will not only improve play of those good, but raw, players who are unable to get the experience of playing in Europe and America, but he is likely to improve such experienced players as Kirby, Raymond, Robbins and Malcolm, and add just that little extra to their play which will make all the difference between being in the first flight and at the top of it.

## THE FAR EAST DAVIS CUP ZONE.

Favourably Considered by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Norman Brookes, president of the Australian L.T.A., who has just returned to Wellington from a visit to the East, said he had discussed with Mr. Dwight Davis, the donor of the Davis Cup, a scheme to create two new zones.

The scheme, which provides a north-eastern zone, including Japan, China, Philippine Islands, India, Siam, and Java, and a south-eastern zone, in which New Zealand, Australia, and South Africa would compete, was favourably considered by Mr. Davis. Mr. Brookes, whose scheme has the support of Japan, is of the opinion that it would save much time and money and would increase local interest.

## FRENCHMAN'S NEW FIGURES.

Thirty-Six-Year-Old Record Smashed.

Paris, Sept. 13.

The 36-year-old world's record for the three-quarter mile was beaten at Colombes Stadium to-day by the French runner, Ladoumegue (already the holder of the 1,000 and 1,500 metres world's records), returning a time of 3 mins. 0 3-5 sec., beating the American Conneff's, time of 3 min. 2 4-5 sec.

Nurmi Wins at Berlin.

At Berlin, the Argentine runner, Zabala, was third in the 10,000 metres international race, which was won by Nurmi, in 21 min. 19 1-5 sec.

Zabala's time was 31 min. 44 4-5 sec.

## THE OFFER THAT WAS REFUSED.

Fiat Works Interested in Schneider Race.

Rome, Sept. 4.  
An offer has been made by the Fiat works to take the equipment prepared for the Schneider Trophy contest to Calshot, assuming all (Continued in next Column.)

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### HINT FOR GOLF.

The "Two-V" Way That Avoids Trouble.

By DIANA FISHWICK.

I think it is a safe rule, especially for a beginner, to "cut out the frills" as much as possible from her game. Therefore I would advise that the "two-V" grip has the merit of being the easiest to learn, and also the simplest to discard if one wishes to change over to another grip later on.

I use it myself for every club, from driver to putter, and find it as easy to get distance with as any other. The shaft of the club is held in the fingers, with the "V" between the thumb and forefinger of each hand on top of the shaft and the hands just touching one another.

Miss Cecil Leitch has always used it for her iron clubs, although with her driver and brassie she has always stuck to the old-fashioned palm grip, which few players use nowadays.

An unusual point about the style of Miss Helen Hicks, the young American golfer who stands second only to Mrs. Glenn Vare in the ranking lists that they are so fond of in the States, is her grip. She uses an interlocking grip, with the little finger of the right hand twined round the forefinger of the left.

Does Not Suit Everybody. Charles Whitecombe and one or two others of the professionals do the same, but "Hard-hitting Helen," as they call her on the other side,

responsibility and expense, and thus provide an Italian contingent in the race.

This offer for its realisation depends upon the Government's agreeing to provide the two pilots Lieutenant Neri and Warrant Officer Agello, who are acquainted with the new machine. The reply is expected before the morning.

Meanwhile the three machines, two of the new type and one of the old, are packed on the truck and ready to leave at any moment should the order be given.

and Miss End Wilson are the only women golfers that I have seen use it.

This grip is not one that suits every type of hands, and girl golfers must consider whether their hands are powerful enough to use any but the simplest grip, in which they have all their fingers on the club.

Even the overlapping grip used by Miss Wethered, with the right little finger riding over the forefinger of the left, is not one that every woman player can comfortably manage.

With some it seems to work very well. I remember Mrs. Dorothy Campbell Hurd admitting that she used the simple two-V grip when she won her two British and two American championships,

but changed to the overlapping

### Our Sports Diary.

#### LOCAL

HOCKEY To-day—Hong Kong Hockey Club v. Argylls at King's Park.

To-morrow—Y.M.C.A. II. v. Club de Recreio.

FOOTBALL Saturday—First Division—Borderers v. Pollo; Navy v. Recreio; St. Joseph's v. Club.

Second Division—University v. Navy; Kowloon v. Club; Borderers v. 12th Heavy Battery R.A.; Third Division—Royal Engineers v. Borderers.

RUGBY FOOTBALL To-day—K.B.S.F.P.A. Second Trial at 5.10 p.m.

MEETINGS To-day—Kowloon Cricket Club at 5.30 p.m.; Civil Service Cricket Club at 5.30 p.m.

LAWN TENNIS To-morrow—Entries close for U.S.R.C. Open Ladies' Doubles Tournament.

RACING To-morrow—Entries close for Ninth Extra Meeting at

A.Q.U.A.T.I.C.S. To-morrow—Queen's College Sports at V.R.C. at 2 p.m.

CRICKET Saturday—League I—University v. Royal Artillery; League II—Police R.C. v. University.

Sunday—Kowloon C.C. v. H.K. Volunteers at noon.

#### ABROAD

FOOTBALL Saturday—Full English and Scottish League programmes.

RACING Sunday—Macao Races.

grip when she found later on that she was hardly getting enough distance to hold her own with some of the younger players. The result was so good that she "came back" to win the American championship again five or six years ago.

In the case of players like Miss Wilson or Miss Helen Hicks, who have plenty of power in reserve,

an overlapping or interlocking grip may be all right, because it seems to make sure that the club is taken back with the left hand in charge and so helps to maintain a smooth swing.

In the case of the average girl, I think she will do better to grasp the club with all her fingers.

The little fingers of each hand is

the one with the strongest gripping power, and most of us cannot afford to sacrifice control by taking this finger of the right hand off the shaft of the club, as you must do in the "overlapping" grip.

I am sure it is the safest and most natural method—at any rate to start with—to take the club in your left hand as if you were holding your umbrella. With the right hand similarly placed just below, you get the V of both hands on top of the shaft, writes Diana Fishwick in the Evening Standard. This is itself a guide to keeping the hands in their proper position, and a safe guard against all the troubles that come from allowing either hand to creep round too far under the shaft, or too much on top of it.

You can experiment with more "frilly" methods if you are quite sure you cannot get the required distance with the two-V grip, but that colossal driver, Mr. Cyril Tolley, has never required any other.

## ENGLISH BRIDGE TEAM.

### A Visit to New York.

Capt. Lindsay Mundy, the Bridge authority, writes:

Mr. A. E. Whitelaw, of the Devonshire Club, is taking a team of four players, all members of the club, to New York next month (September) to play in a series of

## AMERICAN TRIBUTE TO KAYE DON.

## BOBBY JONES JOINS SPALDING'S.

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"Fearless" Sportsman Ovalated.

New York, Sept. 10. Commodore Schantz of the American Yachtmen's Association yesterday presented Kaye Don with the Weyling Trophy which he won with the motor-boat Miss England II for making the record lap round the Detroit course at over 93 miles an hour.

Commodore Schantz paid a public tribute to Kaye Don's fearlessness, sportsmanship and gentlemanly conduct during the races at Detroit, and said if he returned to America for another contest every American sportsman would join in an ovation.

## LOUD-SPEAKER GIVES S.O.S.

### Spectator Called to Office Fire.

During the greyhound racing at Wembley one night recently a request was made by means of a loudspeaker to Mr. J. Gilbert, of Blackwell Heath, to go to the secretary's office.

There he was told that his business premises at Hanover Square were involved in a fire.

The fire was discovered in the basement of a six-storey building, occupied by a number of firms for show-rooms and offices. The outbreak had gained a fair hold by the time the first fire engines arrived, and owing to the density of the smoke the firemen had to use smoke-helmets.

At the end of half an hour the fire was under control, but much damage had been done in the basement.

friendly matches against American contract bridge players. This is a purely private venture.

An announcement made in New York recently on the authority of Mr. F. D. Courtenay, president of Bridge Headquarters, Inc., suggested that it was the Devonshire Club which was sending out the team. This misunderstanding has been corrected by the secretary of the club, who explained that they had made no arrangements.

The Rev. Denham R. Norman, All Saints' Vicarage, Warwick, the oldest clergyman of the Church of England, vicar of Middleton by Winkworth from 1853-1875, rector of Stafford from 1875-1898, and Master of St. John's Hospital, Lichfield, 1898-1925, who reached the age of 103, left estate of the gross value of £540, with net personalty £289.

Two dogs stood guard for three days over the body of their master, who was accidentally shot dead while pig hunting in the New Zealand bush. Their barking eventually attracted searchers to the spot.

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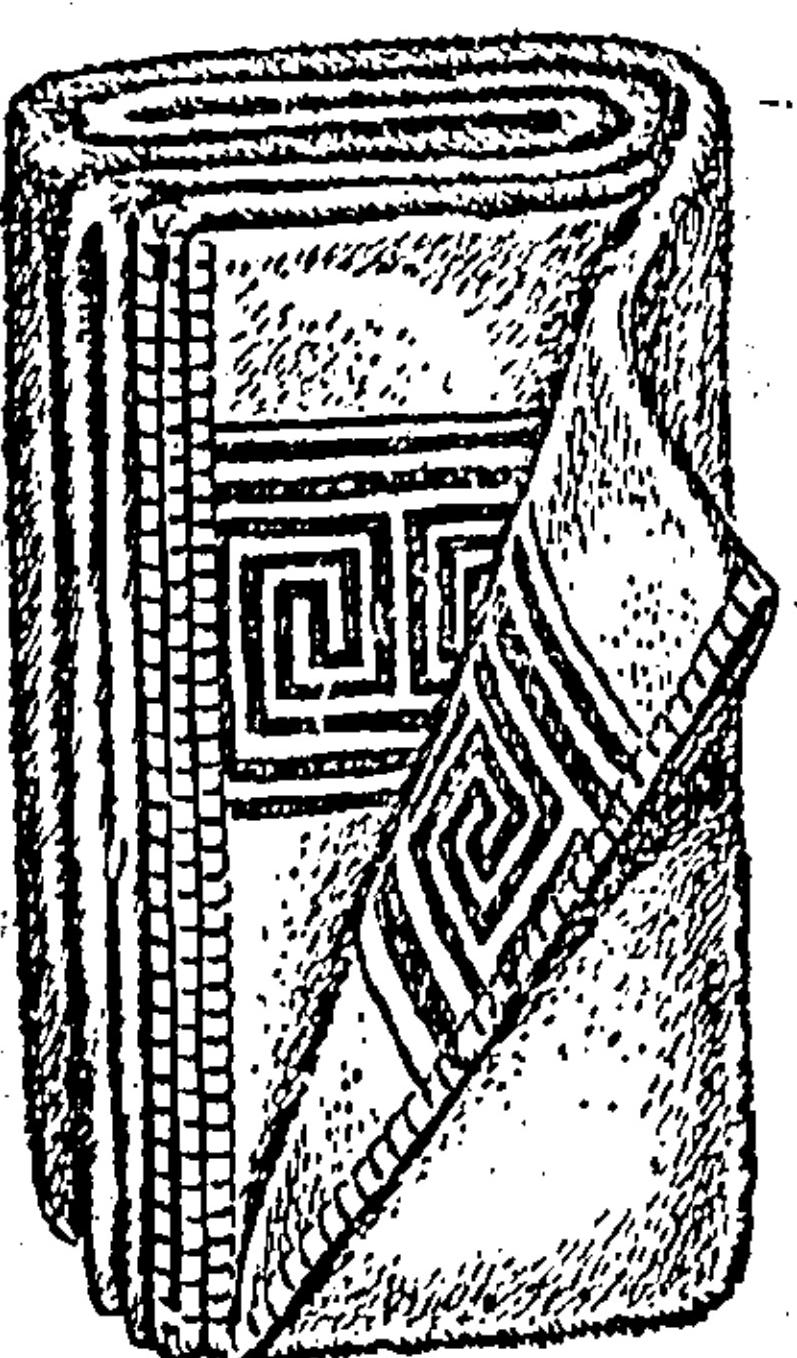
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### Dame Rumour.

As usual in times of difficulty and stress Dame Rumour is busy, and all kinds of stories are in circulation. To hint at some of them would obviously be playing into the hands of their insidious manufacturers. To pass them on orally to some one else would be equally mischievous. Some people are only too ready to believe what a man with a gulling and voluble tongue tells them. And by the time a rumour goes the round of half a dozen people its original form is past all recognition. Press men naturally hear a great many of these rumours, only to find on investigation that they have not the slightest foundation in fact. As often as not it is a sheer waste of time endeavouring to secure a confirmation or denial. Usually a circulator of a rumour, even if he be a European, is quite unable—or unwilling, most likely—to supply a clue regarding its origin. Yet, by the mere act of assisting in its circulation in the hearing of certain other persons, he may unwittingly be acting as the dupe and tool of mischievous folks who apparently have nothing better to do than maliciously manufacture rumour and gossip.

As we write we have before us a letter from a reputable firm contradicting a certain rumour in certain vernacular newspapers bearing on the present situation in the Colony. To repeat that rumour, even in the form of an official and authoritative contradiction or denial, cannot serve any good and useful purpose. A repetition of it would only bring it to the notice of hundreds, if not thousands, who had not heard it or read it before. The majority would be likely to accept and believe the denial; a small percentage might be sceptical on the so-called but often erroneous principle that "where there is smoke there is fire." Thus, quite innocently, the rumour, plus a great many trimmings and additions, would gain a much wider circulation.

### From Other Pens.

#### When is a Car Not a Car?

An engaging problem for motorists is presented by the decision of the Cardiff Stipendiary Magistrate that a man who carries a basket containing goods in a private car may be using his car as a commercial vehicle, and liable to pay the higher rate of taxation involved.

For the average motorist is frequently constrained to use his car for other purposes than the carriage of his family and friends.

It is, indeed, no uncommon thing to see a self-conscious householder endeavouring at the wheel to dissociate himself from goods of various sorts, from a sack of potatoes to an antique chair,

which he may have acquired advantageously on his wanderings, and which protrude noticeably above the back seat.

What should be the test of commercial use—the construction of the car or the nature of the transaction in which it is involved? The former can be at the best only a loose test, for many marketable commodities, from pedigree pups to prize packets of seed, can be comfortably transported in the dickey of a two-seater.

The latter, on the other hand, would be extremely difficult to establish, for a motorist with, for instance, a gramophone on board could hardly be stopped and questioned as to whether he intended to dispose of it at his journey's end. The Traffic Act attempts a definition by stating that a goods vehicle is one "constructed" or "adapted for use for the conveyance of goods." But what is adaptation? Is the private motorist who removes front seat to make room for a lengthy and heavy package to be penalised while the man who trusts it to the luggage grid gets off? A farmer who cuts out the back seat of his car to make room for a sheep or pig pen would clearly be liable to classification as a goods driver. But the finer "adaptations" are more difficult to judge, and it is a good thing that the Automobile Association is appealing on the Cardiff case to the High Court.

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#### Bicycles and Byways.

For some years now Henry Ford has been engaged in a catholic collection of the relics of an earlier America, and in an endeavour to revive some of its customs. Someone with sufficient temerity might respectfully suggest to Mr. Ford that he add to these efforts a campaign looking to the rejuvenation of a delightful pastime which he probably more than any other individual precipitated into relative obscurity—the pastime of bicycling.

Four wheels for two. Engines for muscles. Speed for leisure. These, in answer to the dictates of technological progress, the automobile substituted for the bicycle.

The latter, consequently, to-day

finds its use, in the United States, chiefly among the younger set and telegraph messengers. And yet only some thirty years ago 10,000,000 bicycles were carrying the nation—adult as well as youth—out onto a rapidly increasing network of bicycle-created highways.

Men with great sweaters that discreetly concealed their necks discussed with women in billowy bloomers the relative merits of twenty-inch handlebars, toecaps, suspension wheels and what not.

Staid citizens inveighed against "scorcher" and their choking clouds of dust. City fathers mooted the acute bicycle parking problem.

Newspaper columnists gained fame on bicycle witticisms.

But one can fall here into an easy mistake. The charm of the bicycle is not simply the charm of things past—like the barouches and broughams one sees standing somewhat disconsolately in New York City's Plaza Square. The bicycle has profound intrinsic merits.

It is unique as an instrument offering at once excellent exercise and adequate personal transportation.

As a means of achieving real acquaintance with new lands and new countries it is incomparable, giving to the devotee intimacies and delights that the automobile, the train and the airplane can never provide.

Its rider can explore many a byway that the automobilist would avoid.

To be sure, its recrudescence might add to the traffic hazards on the motor highways, as any automobile driver will remark who has had to swerve around one of the 25,456 bicycles made in the United States in 1927, the last year for which production figures are available.

But the current persistence of the two-wheeled, leg-powered vehicle in many countries—for example France, where some 7,000,000 are said to be in use, and England, where legions of middle-class housewives living in country districts use them for shopping—testifies to its utility and pleasure.

There is reason heartily to commend to the United States, where the bicycle reached its highest fame, a re-examination and rediscovery of its delights.

### News in Brief.

The suspension of the gold standard was sanctioned yesterday by the Danish Parliament. Retri-

The lowest open-air temperature yesterday was 73 degrees. The humidity was 87 at 10 a.m. and 82 at 4 p.m.

Mr. Lee Fong, addressing the Rotary Club of Hong Kong at the weekly tiffin yesterday, gave an interesting account of its development, predicting its further growth as the logical port for the South of China.

The speaker detailed the various improvements brought about in the city during the past few years, and was of opinion that high import tariffs, and cheap fuel, would eventually make Canton a great manufacturing centre.

The steersman of a cargo junk for mooring outside five other craft alongside the a.s. Koflana Maru, yesterday, was fined \$8 or three days' jail in the Marine Court today.

Chan Chung, coxswain of the steam launch Fuk Lee, has reported to the Police that when leaving the northern end of the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter on Monday afternoon, his launch collided with a sampan. The occupants of the sampan were thrown into the water, but managed to scramble back to their slightly damaged craft, none the worse for their experience.

### Personal Pairs.

According to a Router cablegram from Nanking, Dr. C. T. Wang is better. He has no temperature and there are no complications.

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Alderman Maurice Jenks, who is shortly to be knighted by the King, was at the Guildhall yesterday elected Lord Mayor of London for the ensuing civic year—British Wireless Service.

The King's return to London yesterday contrasted with his hasty return at the beginning of the crisis, when there were no decorations and no carpets. On the contrary, flags were flying when he returned. His Majesty looked well and cheerful, and was welcomed by the Princes, and chatted with the members, Sir Josiah Stamp.

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### JUVENILE COURTS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

to his home surroundings and history. We are also agreed that the Remand Home for juvenile offenders should be under the charge of a police officer and details of our recommendations appear in the paragraph dealing with Remand Homes.

Finally we consider that juvenile offenders when first brought to Station should not be taken to the station charge room but to the Inspector's office where they would not come in contact with adult prisoners.

Probation Officers.

One of the most important features of the Juvenile Courts are the Probation Officers. Section 9 of the Bill submitted gives full details concerning these officers, their powers and their duties. It is their duty to receive reports from the persons under supervision (Sec. 9 ss. 8) (a) to see that they observe the conditions of the recognisance, (b) to report to the Court as to their behaviour, (c) to advise, assist and befriend them and when necessary to find them suitable employment. Such officers must therefore be able to speak the language of the offenders and be in a position to trace them when required and keep in touch with them until they are released from the supervision of the Courts.

We therefore recommend that these Probation Officers should be Chinese of good education between the ages of 25-30.

There should be two male Probation Officers to begin with, one for Hong Kong and one for Kowloon and one female Probation Officer for the whole Colony.

The salary proposed would be \$1,200-\$1,800 by \$100 annually for all such officers whether male or female. These officers would form part of the staff of the Magistracies in Hong Kong and Kowloon.

We consider that provided the necessary legislation outlined in our report is adopted and passed and the very reasonable expenditure sanctioned there is no reason why Juvenile Courts should not be in operation before the close of the present year.

The Industrial Schools for Boys will not be ready but much can be done by remands, probation of offenders and detention up to 6 months in aggravated cases until such time which we hope is not far distant, as the Industrial School for Boys at Aberdeen is established and is functioning satisfactorily.

The report is signed by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (Chairman), Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, Mr. R. A. C. North, Mr. T. M. Hazlewood, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. R. Rainey, and Mrs. D. Hourigan, S.C. (Committee).

The female population of the United States is increasing more rapidly than the male, but there are still 1,499,144 more men than women.

Sir Alan Cobham has returned to Entebbe on the completion of his survey flights of the African lakes.

## T. P. O'CONNOR'S WIDOW.

Well-Known Author and Playwright.

### MEMORIES OF OLD VIRGINIA.

Mrs. T. P. O'Connor, widow of the celebrated Irish politician and journalist, died from pneumonia in a nursing home at St. John's Wood early on September 1. She had been ill for a week. Her age was about 74. Her son, Mr. Francis Howard, chairman of the National Portrait Society, and Mrs. Howard, were at her bedside at the end.

A member of an old Virginian family, Mrs. O'Connor was the daughter of Judge Paschal, a celebrated American lawyer, who suffered for his adherence to the unpopular side of the Union during the Civil War. On the conclusion of hostilities Miss Betty Paschal, as she then was, went to Gen. Grant, the President of the United States, and asked for employment. She was appointed to assist in sorting and indexing the archives of the War Office, and was allowed to do her work at home, as she was considered too young to go to an office. Walt Whitman was the earliest of Mrs. O'Connor's literary friends, and in London, after her marriage to "T.P.", she gained a rapid popularity in the literary and political worlds.

Visit to London.

Her first husband, Mr. Francis Cassaway Howard, having died, she came to London, and her meeting with "T.P." is described in a book she published some years ago, entitled "I Myself." On her first visit to London she had gone to the House of Commons to meet Mr. Justin McCarthy, but he had left the House, and a policeman advised her to see Mr. O'Connor, who, he said, "was always polite to Americans."

From this meeting their friendship quickly ripened, and Mrs. O'Connor tells of her husband's whirlwind wooing, culminating in a visit to her armed with a special licence for their marriage the next day.

For some years Mrs. O'Connor was the president of the Society of Women Journalists, and displayed a remarkable business capacity in that position. In 1913 she published a book, "My Beloved South," in which she told many charming stories of the old plantation life "befo' de wah." She was also the author of several novels and plays.

Mr. T. P. O'Connor died in 1929.

### LORD LANGFORD.

Working Passage Home from Australia.

Melbourne, August 31. Lord Langford, the Irish peer, whose wife has been working in a London teashop, has sailed for England in the Ballarat.

He is entered in the ship's articles as "passage worker."

Formerly Mr. C. W. T. Rowley, Lord Langford succeeded to the title on the death of his uncle last January. He had a varied career in Australia, New Zealand, and Canada. In Australia his occupations included farm labouring, working as a night watchman, a land agent, a fruit picker, and singing on the wireless and at concerts. For the last four years Lady Langford has been a waitress in a London tea shop. She was married to Lord Langford in Dublin in 1922.

An Argentine literary academy is to be set up, with the authority of the Government, to foster Argentine culture and conserve local idiom and traditions.

Passengers in the liner Mauretania, when returning from Halifax, N.S., to New York, saw three waterpoons.

### Ten Years Ago.

(From the "China Mail" of September 30, 1921.)

To-day's dollar is worth 2/11½.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jun., leave for Manila, Hong Kong, and other southern places to-morrow. Mr. Rockefeller, interviewed, spoke highly of what he had seen of the Chinese and their institutions. Mr. Walker, Standard Oil manager in Hong Kong, will direct the party in the South.

## THE BEAUTY OF CHINESE LITERATURE

Penang Resident Councillor's Address.

## ITS GREAT DIFFICULTIES.

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At the Penang Rotary Club tiffin on Tuesday, September 15, Rotarian P. T. Allen, Resident Councillor, Penang, delivered an address on "Chinese Literature."

Roughly he divided Chinese literature into four classes:—The classics; history; philosophy; and belles lettres. Up till very recent years the classics were regarded by the Chinese as the foundation of all learning. They were written in a style extremely terse and very allusive, and without the aid of exhaustive commentaries would be absolutely unintelligible to the Chinese or the most learned scholars of other races. Each character was an allusion which crystallised in itself a whole story or a whole history.

He also gave a list of the Chinese dynasties which had reigned since the Han Dynasty, with a short account of the most important events during each period.

Before setting out to say something of the actual records of Chinese literature, he said he would like to give a short list of Chinese dynasties which had reigned since the Han dynasty. The first were the six dynasties (A.D. 200 to 600). That was a period of internecine struggle and literary stagnation. There was only one author of great account who lived in those times. He was a poet. That period coincided with the period in which Buddhism began to be regarded practically as the religion of China, as apart from Confucianism, which was no religion.

The second was the T'ing dynasty (A.D. 600-900). During that period the Chinese language attained its full vigour and the period was remarkable for the number of great poets, philosophers and for hostility to the religion of the Buddha.

The third was the Sung dynasty (A.D. 900-1200) and that was the Golden Age of Chinese literature which corresponded with the times when the last of the Saxon kings, William the Conqueror and William Rufus, were ruling England.

The Sung dynasty was succeeded by the Yuen and Ming dynasties (A.D. 1200-1644). Those were the first periods of decay—decay from the peak of excellence which had reached in the Sung dynasty.

The last of all the dynasties was the Ts'ing dynasty (A.D. 1644-1712) which produced a revival on a considerable scale of the great traditions which owed their origin to the literature of the Sung dynasty.

**Division of Literature.**

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The chief classical works were the "Five Classics" which comprised the Book of Changes; the Book of History; the Book of Odes; the Book of Rites and Ceremonies; and the Book of Spring and Autumn annals.

Confucius himself was said to have been the actual author of the Spring and Autumn annals, and the editor and compiler of the "Book of History" and the "Book of Odes." If that were true, the work called the Spring and Autumn annals was the only actual work of Confucius that remained.

Next in importance to the Five Classics came the "Four Books," which were—Confucian Analects; "The Great Learning"; "The Doctrine of the Mean"; "The Works of Mencius." These books contained sayings, conversations and opinions of

which otherwise might have irretrievably perished. The Chinese Encyclopaedia in the British Museum was a much less elaborate work. It consisted of merely 6,109 volumes. The Museum authorities had it rebound in 1,000 volumes and it occupied ten show cases to display it.

New novelists were included under that same heading, he said, and he mentioned one—Pu Sung-ling. The dates of his birth and death were unknown but he took his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1641, so that he flourished in the early and middle years of the 17th century. He belonged to the province of Shan Tung and his best known work was known as the *Ling Chai*. Chih familiarly shortened to *Liao Chai*. It was a collection of short stories of magic and marvels. It was by far the most famous of all Chinese novels and was studied by every literary person. Speaking from experience, he said, he found the style of the book extremely terse and owing to the author's prolific use of rare and unusual characters as well as allusions and metaphors, it was a book most difficult for foreigners to attempt to translate. It was a story book full of short stories.

The fourth division, Belles Lettres, included polite literature generally. He read a poem from the Book of Odes, not like the one he read before, full of satire and sarcasm, but calm and gentle, and as translated by Dr. Martin it read:—

"A speck upon your ivory fan,  
You soon may wipe away.  
But stains upon your heart or  
tongue  
Remain, alas for aye."

Poetry flourished principally in the T'ang dynasty (A.D. 600-900) and perhaps the greatest of all Chinese poets belonged to that dynasty. His name was Li Po, or Lai Pak in Cantonese. The last great poet was Su Tung Po who lived between A.D. 1036 and 1101.

## FAMED ARTISTES.

## To Be Heard in Kowloon on Saturday.

In regard to the engagement for the Peninsula Hotel on Saturday, on the occasion of the re-opening of the Rose Room, of two French Artistes, Mlle. Eleanor Ninon and M. Leo Mantin, the Manila Bulletin of September 24 stated:—

Entertainment of a very high order is offered the Manila public to-night at the Manila Hotel Pavilion at the premiere of the internationally famous Eleanor Ninon and Leo Mantin, and their Filipino accompanist, Pedro Guevara.

This has been designated s.s. President Hoover Night at the hotel in honour of those Manilans who are returning on this ship and visitors.

The famous trio will be in Manila only for a limited engagement. They are on their way back to the United States under contract to play at the Ritz-Carlton of Atlantic City where they proved a big hit on their first tour of the United States.

They played before packed houses in the leading hotels and theatres in China and Japan. Mei Lan-fang, considered to be the greatest actor China has produced, complimented them very highly on the character of their work during their China tour.

Besides being a marvellous dancer, Mlle. Ninon is considered to be one of the most beautiful French actresses on the stage today. Part of her former work in Paris was as dancing partner of the *Playboy* of Paris, Maurice Chevalier. Her costumes are the latest creations of Chanel, the famous Paris fashion dictator. She has an imposing array of foot-wear from Sommer and Kaufman, San Francisco.

Les Mantin is a product of the Folies Bergere and combines in his acts some of Chevalier's magnetic appeal and the wit of Will Rogers.

Mrs. Rachel Swain, of Flitwick, Beds, who still manages her own household and garden, has celebrated her 101st birthday. She has never seen the sea.

Two British girls, Miss Joan Ford, of London, and Miss Violet Anderson, of Scotland, have entered for the annual ten-mile swimming race over a triangular course in Lake Ontario.

A woman, aged 86, who was picking beans in her garden at Cavallion, in Provence, was stung by a scorpion and died shortly afterwards.

## "WEST VIRGINIA BLUEBEARD."

## "Detention Pen" for Victims.

New York, August 31. Since his arrest Harry Powers, who is stated to have confessed at Clarksburg to seven murders, has become known as the "West Virginia Bluebeard."

The Clarksburg police, on opening forty-six letters which reached Powers's address since Friday, found that all of them were from love-lorn women, mostly above middle age, who had answered his matrimonial advertisements.

Dynamite was used to-day to blast out the concrete floor of the windowless garage basement which, with its four cells, is said to have been used by Powers as a detention pen for his victims and also as a storage place for his matrimonial correspondence.

Powers makes the extraordinary statement that he drove two women and three children to the garage basement on the same day in the same car, and after a few days killed them.

Powers, who is now broken and repentant, has been definitely charged with murdering two women and three children. But throughout to-day the police, assisted by fifty convicts, were digging into the muddy meadows and hills round the village of Quiet Dells. Other women are known to have corresponded with the man with a view to securing "a country home and an honest man's love."

Powers wrote well, and his serial letter No. 3 was full of quotations from writers on love and marriage, designed to influence the imaginations of weak recipients.

To Mrs. Dorothy Lemke, his fifth victim, Powers recommended various books on the psychology of sex and a leaflet he had written on love and marriage. To several women he wrote: "I never did take any pains to slim women, but prefer a woman to be plump."

Police armed with machine-guns and tear-gas bombs still patrol the grounds of the prison to prevent lynching. Ten thousand persons visited Quiet Dells to-day, but were excluded from the farm.

Powers meanwhile says that he is prepared to die. When he is not playing cards he sings revival hymns.

## 100 MILES IN A SEDAN CHAIR.

## Remarkable Journey by Chiang Kai-shek.

Probably the most remarkable journey ever made by a military leader was taken recently, when Marshal Chiang Kai-shek travelled 100 miles in a sedan chair.

Marshal Chiang, who is directing the anti-Communist campaign in Kiangsi, had to make a journey to the Government's front line at Nanfeng. He was carried the full distance from his head-quarters at Linchuan by chair, relays of coolies being employed.

The trip was of an especially hazardous nature, since he might have been attacked by the Communists at any time. He was accompanied by some of his most reliable bodyguards, and troops were stationed at short intervals along the entire distance of 100 miles.

Marshal Chiang has at his headquarters a high-powered American car, equipped with bullet-proof glass. His bodyguards always accompany him when he motors. Two of them sit, with cocked pistols, on specially constructed seats at the rear of the car, while others, also fully armed, stand on the running-boards. On his journey to the front, however, he could not use his machine as there were no roads worthy of the name.

## LORD METHUEN 86.

As Governor and Constable of the Tower of London, Lord Methuen, who was 86 on September 1, has no chance nowadays to enjoy some of the ancient perquisites of the office.

For in former times the Constable was entitled to "all the cattle which fall off London Bridge, all swans that pass below the bridge, all fiscery rights in the Thames, and all horses and carts that fall into the moat."

In point of age Lord Methuen is the oldest of our Field-Marshal, and in seniority he is second only to the Duke of Connaught, who was gazetted to the rank in 1902.

Lord Methuen, being raised to a Field-Marshal in 1911, has been a Scots Guardsman for sixty-seven years.

## STORE SALESMANSHIP "SLOPPY."

## Over-Dressed Windows.

The salesmanship of the average store to-day is "definitely sloppy," declared Mr. W. Buchanan-Taylor, publicity manager of J. Lyons and Co., Ltd., in an address at the opening of the National Display Association Convention at Portsmouth last month.

"I know there has been a wholesale cutting down of stocks, that shops and stores are largely run from the hand of the merchant to the mouth of the consumer," he explained. "But that is no reason why the shopkeeper and the store owner should be so frequently short of the things of which he sells most."

Display, he went on, had penalised itself by an orgy of exaggerated theory. Many display men and women appeared to have overlooked their mission—to sell goods—so intent were they on the setting in which the goods were displayed.

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## MR. GANDHI.

## Why He Was Disbarred.

It is reported that when Mr. Gandhi set sail from Bombay for England his passport bore the description: "Disbarred barrister."

Mr. Gandhi was "called" to the Bar of England on June 10, 1891, at the Inner Temple, where he had been a student. He was then 22 years of age. Subsequently he went to South Africa where he championed the Indians and suffered imprisonment.

In 1914 he returned to India, became leader of the non-co-operation and civil disobedience movement, and early in 1922 he was sentenced to six years' imprisonment because of his activities in this campaign. Because of this he was disbarred by the Benchers of the Inner Temple, his name being "screened" in the customary way.

## MR. BALDWIN'S THREE SECRETARIES.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin has appointed Sir Geoffrey Fry and Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd to be his private secretaries (unpaid), and Mr. J. P. L. Thomas to be his assistant private secretary (unpaid).

Mr. Geoffrey Fry was private secretary (unpaid) to Mr. Bonar Law for about three years, and became private secretary to Mr. Baldwin in 1923.

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd, who is prospective candidate for the Ladywood Division of Birmingham, joined Mr. Baldwin's secretarial staff shortly before the dissolution of the late Conservative Government. He had previously been assistant private secretary (unpaid) to Sir Samuel Hoare, who was at that time Minister for Air. He played an important part in the recent political crisis in keeping Mr. Baldwin in almost touch with the situation.

Mr. James P. L. Thomas has been attached to Mr. Baldwin's secretariat since the General Election of 1929, at which he unsuccessfully contested the Llanelli Division. Mr. Thomas who is only 28, has been adopted as a prospective candidate for the Hereford Division.

Sir Henry B. Bettexton (Minister of Labour) has appointed Mr. G. H. Ince to be his principal private secretary, and Mr. H. H. Seller to be his assistant private secretary.

## DEATH OF GEN. GALOPIN.

Paris, August 31. The death occurred in Paris yesterday of Gen. Galopin, aged 78, the constructor of the cupolas at Verdun, which proved so successful in warding off the German attacks in 1916.

At the outbreak of the war the general was Governor of Nice, and was appointed to command the Paris garrison.

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ber 1, 1931, at the Victoria Recre-  
ation Club, commencing at 2 p.m.  
The prizes will be presented by  
the Director of Education, Mr.  
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p.m. All friends are cordially in-  
vited.

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dends are reminded that Dividend  
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change or other documents.

Hong Kong, 30th Sept., 1931.

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play Service, Limited, will be held  
at the company's studio-office,  
Ming Yuen Gardens, North Point,  
Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 6th Oc-  
tober, 1931, at 3 p.m. for the pur-  
pose of considering the Statutory  
Report and of conducting all other  
business which ought to be con-  
ducted at such Statutory Meeting.

By Order,

Y. C. JEFFREY HUANG  
Secretary.

September 30, 1931.

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## INWARD MAIIS.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

Shanghai and Amoy ..... Szechuan  
Japan ..... Nankin

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1.

Japan ..... Santos Maru  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2.

Japan and Shanghai ..... Hakusan Maru  
Japan ..... Rakuyo Maru

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3.

Amoy ..... Sirdhana

Europe via Nagapatan (Letters and Papers,  
London, Sept. 3) ..... Kashima Maru

London (Parcels only, London, Aug. 27) ..... Glaucus

Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Van-  
couver, B.C., September 12) ..... Empress of Canada

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Australia and Manila ..... Nellore

## OUTWARD MAIIS.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

Amoy ..... 3.30 p.m.  
Samshui and Wuchow ..... 4 p.m.  
Saigon ..... 4.30 p.m.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1.

Holhew, Pakhol and Haiphong ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Formosa ..... Pyrrhus ..... 10.30 a.m.

Straits ..... Hong Kheng ..... 1 p.m.

Swatow, How and Haiphong ..... Hydrangea ..... 3 p.m.

Oct. 2, New Mathilde ..... 5 p.m.

## OCTOBER 2.

Chit Shing ..... 9.30 a.m.

Santos Maru ..... 9.30 p.m.

Halching ..... 1 p.m.

Nankin ..... 2.30 p.m.

(Due Brisbane, Oct. 19)

Parcels ..... Oct. 2, Noon

Registration ..... 1.45 p.m.

Letters ..... 2.30 p.m.

## K.P.O.

Registration ..... Oct. 2, 4.30 p.m.

Letters ..... 4.30 p.m.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3.

Canton ..... 2.30 p.m.

Kashima Maru ..... 3.30 p.m.

Foochow ..... 3.30 p.m.

Lianh ..... 3.30 p.m.

## SPORTS NOTICES.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and  
ENTRY FORMS for the  
NINTH EXTRA RACE MEET-  
ING to be held on SATURDAY,  
10th October, 1931, (weather  
permitting) may be obtained at the  
Race Course, Hong Kong Club,  
Causeway Bay Stables and the  
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Entry CLOSE at 12 o'clock  
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Hong Kong, 26th Sept., 1931.

H.K. ST. ANDREW'S  
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to Be Held.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson took  
the chair at the annual meeting of the  
Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society last night. In moving the  
adoption of the report, he referred to the practices of the Reel Club,  
the first of which was held on Sep-  
tember 21. It was hoped to hold  
Reel Club dances before St. An-  
drew's Ball.

The good work of the Scottish  
Company, Hong Kong Volunteer  
Defence Corps, was also mentioned,  
the speaker concluding with some interesting reminiscences re-  
lated to him by Mr. R. G. Shewan.

Election of Officers.

The following officers were  
elected:

President, Mr. A. Stevenson.

Vice-President, Mr. B. Wylie.

Secretaries, Messrs. E. M.

Bryden and D. S. Robb.

Treasurer, Mr. S. J. H. Fox.

Committee, the Hon. Mr. J. J.

Paterson, Dr. J. C. Macgown.

Messrs. H. R. Forsyth, P. W. Ram-

sey, J. Stuart, K. E. Greig, E. L.

Hosie, and Allan Cameron.

It was formally decided to hold  
the usual annual ball, arrange-  
ments to be left to the committee.

Mr. J. Russell asked if figures  
were available showing how many  
members of the society were pre-  
sent at the ball last year. Mr.

Paterson replied the number was  
approximately 200 subscribers.

Mr. Russell expressed the opinion

that he did not think the number

was a fair representation of mem-  
bers, and thought there should be  
a bigger gathering of Scotsmen at  
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KAMO MARU	Saturday, 24th October.
KITANO MARU	Saturday, 21st November.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	
TANGO MARU	Tuesday, 18th October.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.	
RAKUYO MARU	Thursday, 15th October.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	
+ LISBON MARU	Wednesday, 21st October.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Stamboul (Constantinople), Genoa & Marseilles.	
+ LIMA MARU	Sunday, 11th October.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
+ PENANG MARU	Thursday, 1st October.
+ HAKODATE MARU	Thursday, 8th October.
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BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, AUCKLAND & WELLINGTON via Manila.	Brisbane Maru	Tues., 6th Oct.
JAPAN PORTS (Frequent Services).	Indus Maru	Fri., 9th Oct.
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CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Havre Maru	Sat., 3rd Oct.
HAIPHONG via Hanoi & Pakhoi (Fortnightly).	Menado Maru	Thurs., 1st Oct.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (3 p.m. every Sunday).	Hozan Maru	Sun., 4th Oct.
TAIKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly).	Canton Maru	Sun., 11th Oct.
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TAI HING	FRI, 2nd	SUN, 4th	MON, 6th	TUES, 8th
TAI MING	MON, 5th	WED, 7th	THURS, 8th	FRI, 9th
TAI HING	THURS, 8th	SAT, 10th	SUN, 11th	MON, 12th
TAI MING	SAT, 10th	MON, 12th	TUES, 13th	WED, 14th
TAI HING	WED, 14th	FRI, 16th	SAT, 17th	SUNDAY, 18th
TAI MING	FRI, 16th	SUN, 18th	MON, 19th	TUES, 20th
TAI HING	TUES, 20th	THURS, 22nd	FRI, 23rd	SAT, 24th
TAI HING	THURS, 22nd	SAT, 24th	SUNDAY, 25th	MON, 26th
TAI HING	MON, 26th	WED, 28th	THURS, 29th	FRI, 30th
TAI MING	WED, 28th	SAT, 30th	SUNDAY, 31st	SUN, 1st

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## WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:

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Bridgewater—No. 13 buoy.

Cornflower—North wall.

Magnolia—North wall.

Medway—In dock.

Moth—South wall.

Phoenix—East wall.

Sandwich—No. 8 buoy.  
Seraph—Kowloon wharf.  
Serpent—Kowloon wharf.  
Sterling—Kowloon wharf.  
Stormcloud—Kowloon wharf.  
Submarines—West wall (dock).  
Tamar—Basin.  
Foreign Men-of-War.  
Argus—French gunboat.  
Lilac—Chinese gunboat.  
Sage—Japanese gunboat.



## WATER LEVELS:

### Details for West, North and East Rivers.

The following table, issued by the Kwangtung River Conservancy Commission, shows in feet the water levels on the West River, North River and East River on the dates named:

Sept.	Sept.
27	28
West River at Shihlung	5.6 5.4
North River at Samshu	0.3 6.3
North River at Telingyuen	4.8 5.1
East River at Sheklung	4.2 5.1
Shihlung, 41 feet; Tsing-yuen, 29.2 feet; Samshu, 27.3 feet; Sheklung, 11.5 feet.	

The lowest levels on record are minus 5 feet at Samshu and minus 2.7 feet at Sheklung.

## STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The B.I. & Apcar s.s. Sirdhana will leave Amoy for this port on October 2, p.m., and is due here on October 3, p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Russia left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on September 26 (a.m.), and is due here on October 14. She will sail for Manila (p.m.) on October 15.

Consignees' Notices.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. Benclouch are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after October 5.

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## HONG KONG TIDES.

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September 30 to October 6, 1931.

DATE	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
	Standard Times	Re	Standard Times	Re
Sept. 30	H. 05	11	M. 05	2.3
	11 10	05	10 38	3.1
	23 10	08	22 38	4.2
Oct. 1	12 10	04	11 45	3.2
	23 20	05	22 40	2.1
	1 10	04	1 51	3.5
	13 20	07	12 50	2.0
	13 05	08	12 45	3.6
	0 05	09	0 15	1.9
Mon.	0 01	15	—	1.7
Tues.	0 01	23	11 39	1.7

## ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Monday, September 28. Hikawa Maru, Japanese str., 6,787 tons, Capt. S. Akioishi; from Keelung, buoy No. A2.—N.Y.K.

Java, Danish str., 5,624 tons, Capt. E. Mourilhan, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—John Manners & Co.

Oosterkirk, Dutch str., 5,061 tons, Captain Gunther Mohr, from Iloilo, Kowloon Wharf.—J.C.J.L.

Tuesday, September 29. Aeneas, British str., 6,256 tons, Capt. W. K. Wallace, from Shanghai, buoy No. A8.—B. & S.

An Lee, Chinese str., 992 tons, Capt. S. Sano, from Nanchang, buoy No. C8.—Yee Tai Hong.

Antung, British str., 2,107 tons, Capt. D. Lupton, from Amoy, buoy No. B21.—B. & S.

Athos II, French str., 8,947 tons, Capt. Le. Flahex, from Saigon, Kowloon Wharf.—M.M.

Chipshing, British str., 1,199 tons, Capt. I. S. Pethick, from Lung-kow, Quarry Bay.—D.K.K.

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Porthos, French str., 7,530 tons, Capt. Filippi, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—M.M.

Shun Chih, Chinese str., 1,251 tons, Capt. Shearer, from Saigon.

Sinkiang, British str., 1,616 tons, Capt. F. Gibbs, from Canton, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.

Tai Lee, Chinese str., 1,044 tons, Capt. Mazaki, from Canton, buoy No. B16.—Loong Tai Hong.

Tjimaneek, Dutch str., 3,510 tons, Capt. J. Van der Heek, from Pekalongan, buoy No. A6.—J.C.J.L.

Tjinegara, Dutch str., 5,782 tons, Capt. P. Weide, from Muntok, buoy No. A9.—J.C.J.L.

Van Heutz, Dutch str., 2,748 tons, Capt. H. J. G. Blits, from Singapore, buoy No. A12.—J.C.J.L.

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NALDERA	16,000	10th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASHGAR	6,000	17th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAJMA	10,000	23rd Oct.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
MAUDONIA	11,000	24th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KEHVA	6,000	1st Nov.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
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CORFU	10,000	21st Nov.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,000	4th Dec.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	5th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NANKIN	7,000	7th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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### Bluejackets' Lack of Training.

#### THE SHORT SERVICE SYSTEM.

Is the formidable armada that France has created since the war little more than "an amateur navy?"

This startling suggestion comes from a French naval critic. Indeed, it is less of a suggestion than a downright statement by one who is in a position to know.

Yet the splendid ships one sees at Brest and Cherbourg—most of them brand-new from the builders—coupled with the war-like manœuvres which are frequently held in the Atlantic and the Mediterranean, leave the casual observer in no doubt as to the keenness and efficiency of the Republican fleet.

The French critic whose phrase is quoted was referring to the personnel of the new navy, not to its material. In the latter respect it is believed to be second to none. French naval construction in the post-war period has been remarkable both for originality of design and sound workmanship.

It is important to remember that France, not being a party to the London Naval Treaty, is free of all restriction as to the number, tonnage, and armament of her torpedo craft and submarines. Of this freedom she has taken full advantage.

#### Less Than a Year Afloat.

Her destroyers outclass all others in size and fighting power, and her undersea boats outnumber those of every other navy. In a few years from now she will be able to muster, besides her battleships and nearly score of cruisers, some seventy big leaders and destroyers and 100 submarines, all of modern design, together with a reserve of older but still effective light craft.

It would be difficult to imagine a fleet better constituted to suit the needs of French naval strategy, or one more nearly approaching the ideal propounded many years ago by Admiral Aube—"Le nombre, la vitesse, l'invisibilité, la spécialement."

Nevertheless, the personnel problem has become acute in the French Navy as a whole. The majority of the ratings are short-service men, and though re-enlistments are said to be on the up-grade, a very large number of the bluejackets spend less than a year afloat before discharge.

It is obviously impossible in this short period to transform a landsman into a trained seaman, let alone breed in him that spirit of discipline which is the supreme asset of a fighting navy.

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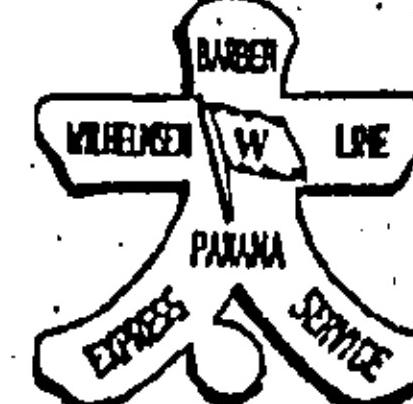
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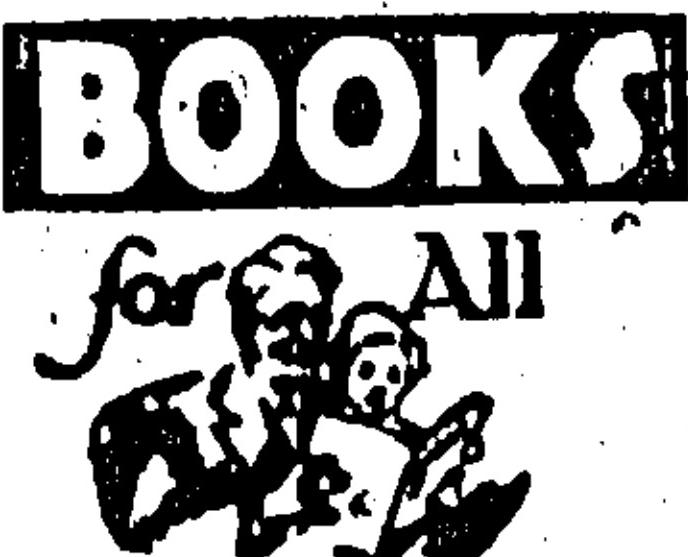
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The level and storage of water in

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1930 1931

Tytan 5'10" 4'3" B

Tytan Byewash 18' 8" 10'10" B

Tytan Intermediate 1' 1" B

Tytan Tuk 1' 1" B

Wong Nel Chung 16' 8" 6' 6" B

Pokfulum 12' 8" 3' 10" B

Aberdeen Upper — 31' 7" B

[Note: B denotes "Below Over-

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flow."]

Storage in millions and decimals

of gallons.

1930 1931

Tytan 288,465 340,388

Tytan Byewash 3,48 2,28

Tytan Intermediate 105,90 105,90

Tytan Tuk 1,300,92 1,419,00

Wong Nel Chung 12,40 22,10

Pokfulum 38,68 57,68

Aberdeen Upper — 55,68

Total 1,977,84 2,102,48

Consumption of water in the City

and Hill District in millions and de-

cimals of gallons during the month

of August, 1931.

1930 1931

Consumption 288,005 300,225

Estimated population 445,600 580,750

Consumption per head per day 27.8 33.6

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## THE PROMENADE CONCERTS.

## A Vaughan Williams

Night.

London, August 27.

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The chairman addressed the meeting as follows:—

Once again I am privileged to address you owing to the absence from the Colony of your Chairman, Mr. Backhouse.

The report and statement of accounts, together with the auditors' report, having been in your hands for a clear week, I will follow the usual custom and take them as read. Before proposing the adoption of these accounts, I will say a few words in explanation of what may be considered as a satisfactory result of the year's working.

Our profit for the period under review amounts to \$111,638.10, as against \$116,381.61 for the previous year. The slight reduction of \$4,693.51 is more than accounted for by the increase of \$2,803.18 in the amount passed for depreciation and an extraordinary expenditure of \$5,083.73 to meet legal and accounting costs in connection with the reorganisation and increase of capital.

After providing for the legal reserve of 5 per cent., your Directors recommend the placing of \$40,000 to General Reserve, increasing this account thereby to \$220,000 from which must be deducted the sum of \$40,000 transferred to capital according to your resolutions in connection with the reorganisation of the capital of the Company. After allowing for these provisions your Directors propose, for your approval, a bonus to staff on the same scale as on previous years in recognition of their faithful and arduous services. This amounts to \$8,000.

#### "Competition."

As an added proof that "competition is the life of trade" your Directors have pleasure to recommend a dividend of \$2 plus a bonus of 50 cents per share, pro rata for the 1931 Issue, leaving a balance of \$44,183.01 to be carried forward to the credit of the next account. This is the fifth year in succession that your Company has paid a dividend of 20 per cent. on its capital not counting the bonus of 5 per cent. paid during the last three years, and your Directors see no reason why this satisfactory return to shareholders should not be maintained.

Turning now to the balance sheet you will first of all observe that in accordance with the resolutions mentioned therein the authorised capital of the Company was increased to \$1,000,000.

of which \$480,000 was issued up to March 31, 1931. Since then 26,000 additional shares were issued in May last bringing the paid-up capital to \$740,000, and leaving 26,000 shares to be issued at the discretion of the Directors as provided by the above-mentioned resolutions. As already mentioned, our various reserves total \$182,226.96, to which must be added a further \$45,581.91 now being appropriated. Sundry creditors amount to \$330,837.26 and these practically all represent accounts for films.

#### New Film Venture.

With regard to the items under films and investments it might perhaps interest you to learn that owing to the rapid and important increase in the film business in Hong Kong and China it has been found desirable for a new Company to be formed to finance and handle the supply of films throughout China. Realising the vital bearing the film business has on our working and after months of serious consideration, your Directors decided to participate in the formation of this Company which has been incorporated under the name of Puma Films, Limited, have taken over a large part of our stock which is represented by capital investment. This Company will eventually take over our entire stock of films and their activities will extend throughout China as film distributors, the entire business of which is controlled by Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd. This briefly explains the heading "Investments."

The formation of this Company relieves us of the heavy responsibility of financing the cost of films and permits us to employ our resources in the acquisition and building of theatres where we think profitable. With these remarks I propose that the Directors' report and statement of accounts for the 12 months ended March 31, 1931, be adopted, and after this has been seconded I shall be glad to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions shareholders might wish to put.

In seconding the adoption of the report and accounts, Mr. Ho Ki said:—

It is easy for any shareholder to say that he seconds a report like this with pleasure — a report that, taken all and all, is the best in the short history of the Company for it shows a very stable position under present conditions in this part of the world. That is a record of which our Directors may justly feel proud and on which we should congratulate them and their Staff as heartily as we congratulate ourselves. I beg to second the motion from the chair.

Carried unanimously.

With regard to the re-election of Directors, Mr. J. S. Gubay informed the meeting that he did not propose to stand for re-election. Mr. Ma Tsui-chiu was unanimously re-elected a Director for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$750.

On the proposal of Mr. J. E. Noronha, seconded by Mr. A. B. Proulx, Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected Auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$750.

## MOVED TO TEARS.

### Dr. Sze Expresses China's Gratitude.

#### CHINA FLOODS.

Geneva, Yesterday. Moved almost to tears Dr. Alfred Sze expressed on behalf of China her gratitude at a Council meeting for the League's and other countries' assistance for their help in combating epidemics resulting from the floods in China.

The Council gratefully noted the offer of Paraguay to receive some thousands of refugees of German origin from China.—Reuter.

### KINGSFORD-SMITH'S BAD LUCK.

#### Encounters Severe Sandstorms.

#### FORCED TO SHELTER?

Basra, Yesterday. Kingsford-Smith is believed to have encountered a heavy sandstorm and is expected to have landed at Shaiba.—Reuter.

#### Well on His Way.

Bushire, Yesterday. Kingsford-Smith departed at 10 a.m. and hope to arrive at Aleppo at 10 p.m.—Reuter.

### PYJAMA GIRL PROTEST.

#### Bathing Belles Who Ride Pillion.

#### A VICAR'S VIEWS.

"We have no fixed prejudice against women wearing pyjamas as long as they wear them in the right place, which is in bed," writes the Rev. W. Marshall Selwyn, the Vicar of Holy Trinity, Bournemouth, in a letter in the September Parish Magazine.

"We can, perhaps, with a very great stretch of forbearance, stand them on the beach, because we need not go there, but we cannot stand them in our roads, shops, and arcades.

"In Christian and civilised countries trousers are man's prerogative. Some men look quite nice in them, but women look unutterably foolish, self-conscious, and ugly, and as we protest against them, so we more strongly protest against girls, clad only in very attenuated bathing clothes, riding on pillions of motor-bicycles. We think it is frankly indecent, and yet it is a very common sight in Bournemouth.

"We used to think that there were laws or by-laws against this sort of thing, but apparently the only laws that forbade it were the laws of decency, and these laws are now a back number altogether—anyhow in Bournemouth during the month of August."

Police in Mexico City have been ordered to gather in persons from the streets who "look as though they need it," and take them to public bath houses to be washed.

## AMUSEMENTS

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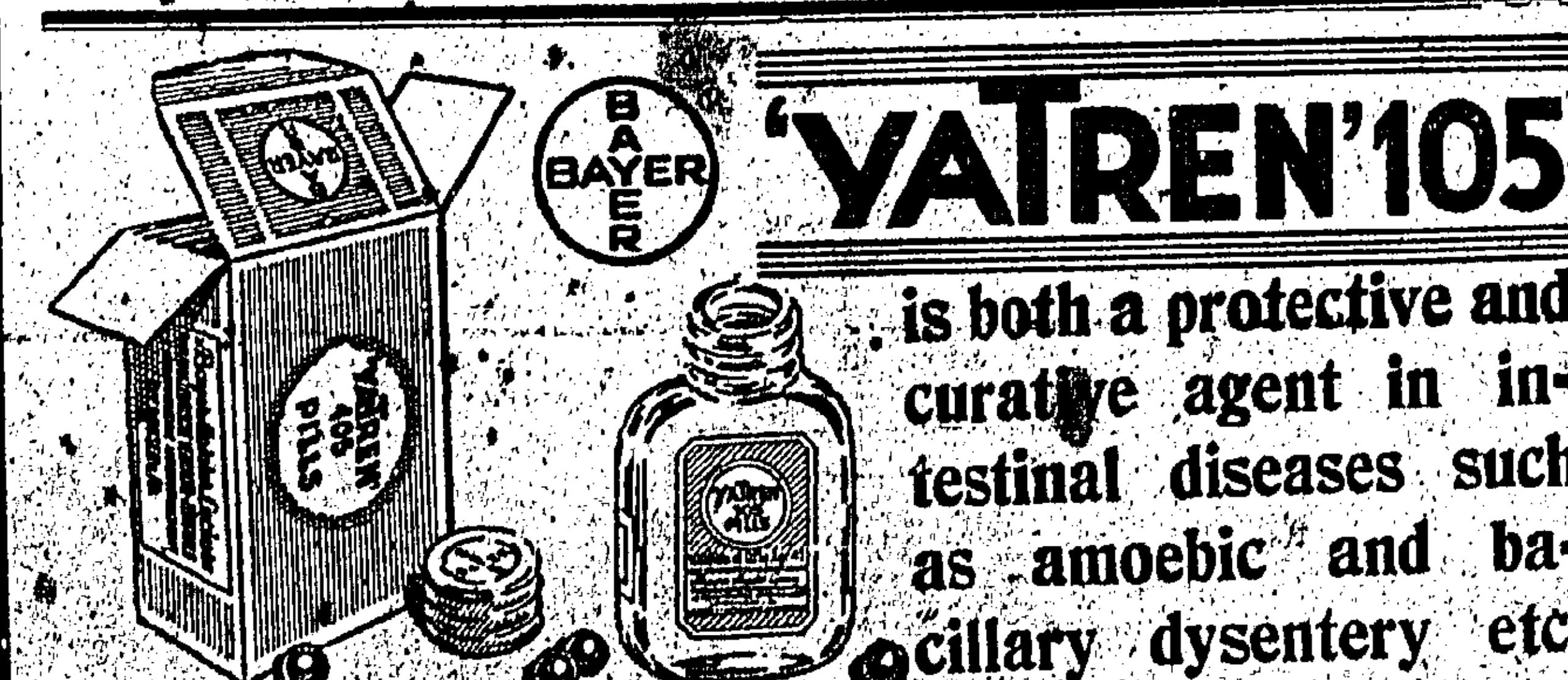
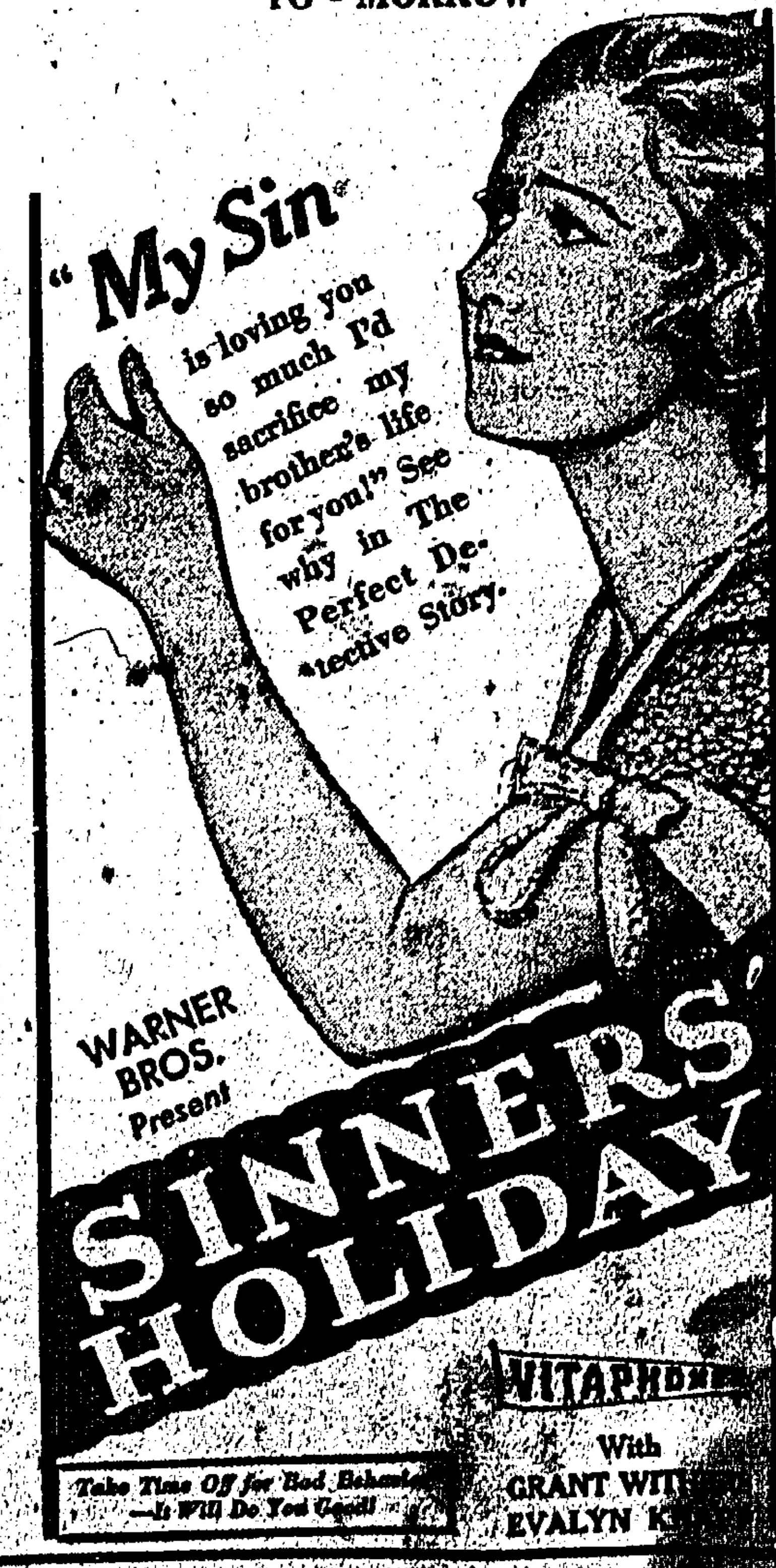
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